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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Applicants:** Ian S. Zagon, et al.      **Examiner:** R. Landsman  
**Serial No.:** 09/431,843      **Art Unit:** 1647  
**Filed:** November 2, 1999      **Docket:** 13038  
**For:** NOVEL NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES      **Dated:** May 3, 2001  
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 4, 2001 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121, Applicants submit the following amendment for entry in the above-identified case.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel claims 2, 7-13 and 18-37 without prejudice.

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